

CONFERREES KILL HELL GATE PLAN

Ignore Wilson's Plea for
\$6,000,000 Channel in
Naval Bill.

ALL DIFFERENCES
FINALLY SETTLED

Senate Adopts Amended
Measure and House Will
Do So Soon.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, Aug. 17.—All differences between the two houses of Congress on the naval appropriation bill were finally adjusted to-day, and the Senate without a rollcall adopted the conference report. The House is expected to adopt it either to-morrow or at the next session.

The last act of the conferences was to ignore the President's request for the retention of the \$500,000 appropriation for dredging a thirty-five-foot channel from the New York Navy Yard to Long Island Sound through Hell Gate. This amendment, which was inserted in the Senate, was objected to by the House conferees. This is the second time this year Congress has refused to appropriate money to dig the Hell Gate channel. The first was in the rivers and harbors bill.

Besides Hell Gate, the items eliminated by the conferees were \$300,000 for remodeling the old machine shop at Portsmouth Navy Yard, \$100,000 for extending the wharf at the New Orleans Navy Yard, \$950,000 for improvements at the Charleston, S. C., Navy Yard and \$500,000 for the purchase of a submarine base for the Columbia River.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, who has been blamed by many naval experts for the extensive improvements and attempts to develop the Charleston yard in the past, consented to the elimination of a \$950,000 appropriation for his local yard in order not to hold up the bill.

New York Harbor Is Inspected By House Committee Members

Eleven Representatives Take Trip About City in Police
Boat and Discuss Improvements of Shipping Facilities
at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Eleven members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives lunched at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon following a trip around New York Harbor in the police boat Patrol, yesterday morning. Several of the speakers who addressed the forty-five guests defended the committee and took exception to criticisms that "pork barrel" politics entered into the matter of appropriations.

Judge Stephen M. Sparkman, chairman of the committee, said New York had not been neglected, and that in the five years since he had become head of the committee, \$10,000,000 had been appropriated on the recommendation of army engineers, through whose hands all recommendations go.

Representative Murray Hulbert said New York was partly to blame for not making its needs known at Washington, for there had been only four hearings on matters pertaining to New York Harbor within the last thirty years.

Among those who pointed out needs of the harbor and asked for the co-operation of the national government with the state was Commander Jessup, representing Admiral Usher, of the United States Navy. He said a circle of 100 miles around the harbor embraced the commercial heart of the nation and that it was the duty of the navy to protect this port.

Others who spoke were E. H. Outbridge, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Irving T. Bush, president of the Bush Terminal; R. A. C. Smith, Commissioner of Docks and Ferries; J. Spencer Smith, president of the New Jersey Board of Commerce and Navigation, and Representative John H. Small, of the Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Members of the committee present included Stephen M. Sparkman, chairman; Peter E. Costello, H. Garland Dupre, Thomas Gallagher, Murray Hulbert, William Kettner, Thomas J. Scully, Robert H. Switzer, Samuel M. Taylor and Allen T. Treadway.

Among the other guests at the luncheon were Acting Mayor Frank L. Dowling, William Fellows Morgan, Joseph B. Morrell, J. Henry Deever, W. A. Kemp, Eugene H. Rosenquest, Thomas P. Fowler, Charles G. M. Thomas, Louis J. Tribus and Henry A. Meyer.

Navy League Urges
Defence Commission

Washington, Aug. 17.—"The Navy League is moved to its vitals," says an editorial in its official magazine, "Sea Power," published to-day, "when it contemplates the expenditure of \$500,000,000 in building a fleet which has not been designed and the ultimate vision of which is in an old man's mind."

"It believes that the most skilled organization that it is possible for a great nation to develop should take in hand the building of the new navy, and that Congress should provide the funds on the budget system."

"The Navy League believes that the plans of the Navy Department should be supplemented and be supplemented by those of the War Department, and that the two should be affected largely by the national policies which rest in the

rine base on the Columbia River was cut out because an offer of ground without cost has been made to the government.

With the amendments approved by the conferees, the total for the bill has been fixed at \$312,000,000.

Acceptance of the bill without a rollcall surprised the Senate conferees, who had expected another show of opposition from the small navy men. The only protest was that of Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, who said he wished to express in "The Congressional Record" his opposition to such extravagant and needless expenditures.

ENROLLS BOATS TILL SEPT. 1

Secretary Daniels Extends Time Limit
for Training Cruise Offers.

Ever since the motor boat division of the Naval Training Cruise was formed, and the lists opened for the enrolment of power boat owners, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, has been besieged by letters from men who have craft in the course of construction, begging the enrolment period be extended.

Mr. Daniels took action upon these pleas yesterday, ordering the lists to remain open until September 1. The manoeuvres will start September 5.

HERSHFIELD GOES WEST

Hopes to Induce Jewish Refugees Not
to Migrate East.

Isidore Hershfield, who recently returned from work among the Jews of Poland, started yesterday to aid the Jewish refugees in Seattle and San Francisco.

In the last year thousands of immigrants, driven from Russia by the war, have landed on the Pacific Coast. The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Association hopes to induce the refugees to settle in the West and not attempt to come East.

Justice Daly's Will Filed.

Under the will of ex-Judge Joseph F. Daly, of the Supreme Court, filed yesterday, the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum and St. Vincent's Hospital will each receive \$500. The will left his law library to his son, Edward Hamilton Daly, and made other specific bequests to members of his family. His wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Daly, and his children are the residuary legatees.

Youth Shot; Mother-in-law Held.

In a rough-and-tumble battle which threw the neighborhood into commotion yesterday, Mrs. Nettie Karl, of 111 Richardson Street, Williamsburg, shot her young son-in-law, John Varanelli, through the left jaw, according to the police. Varanelli was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital and Mrs. Karl, who says Varanelli started the quarrel, was locked up.

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TAX BILL TO LIFT INSURANCE RATES

Democratic Caucus Cuts
Out Clause Exempting
Death Payments.

RESERVE, TOO, MUST
FIGURE AS INCOME

Republicans Will Fight
What They Regard as
Blow at Policy Holders.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Aug. 17.—Life insurance premiums may be boosted as a result of a provision inserted by the Democratic caucus in the new revenue bill, Republican Senators declared to-day. This provision would prevent the insurance companies, in computing the incomes on which they must pay a two per cent corporation income tax, from deducting death losses paid.

It would also prevent their deducting sums paid to persons giving up their policies in return for their cash surrender values. Even the amount carried to reserve, held against any calamity, could not be deducted from the amount of income on which this tax would have to be paid.

As passed by the House, the bill contained an exemption applicable especially to insurance companies which would have permitted death payments and cash surrender payments to have been deducted. This was stricken out by the Democratic caucus in the Senate, appearing in the list of exemptions from tax.

How the House Bill Reads.

The language in the House bill was as follows:

"And in the case of insurance companies the net additions, if any, required by law to be made within the year to reserve funds and the sums other than dividends paid within the year on policy and annuity contracts."

The vital words, Republican Senators declared, are: "The sums other than dividends paid within the year on policy and annuity contracts."

Considering dividends on insurance policies as a partial refund on the amounts of premiums paid by the policy holders, these Senators believe that they should also actually be exempted from tax. There was no great amount of objection to that, but Republican Senators are preparing to fight what they regard as an unwarranted raid on life insurance policy holders.

Senator Wadsworth's View.

"The total receipts of a life insurance company are not its income," declared Senator Wadsworth, of New York, to-day, in discussing this provision. "The tax is intended to be levied on the income, but if it is fair as drawn, it would be equally fair to tax a merchant on the total amount of money he takes in for the sale of goods, without allowing him to deduct what he was obliged to pay out for those goods. The insurance company deals in money. It takes in money and it pays out money. Surely death losses and cash surrender payments should be deducted from the receipts before a tax is assessed."

"It also seems to me absurd to tax the amount of money transferred by a big insurance company to its reserve as a part of its income. The company is prudently laying aside a percentage of

the premiums received so as to be able to pay its losses promptly in case of catastrophe. That money is held there not as a profit made, but as reserve for emergency. It should not be regarded as income. This levy even applies to the reserves of mutual life insurance companies."

Revenue Bill Section
Hits at Allied Ban

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Aug. 17.—The Administration is concerned over a section of the revenue bill, as approved by the Democratic caucus, which is said to be aimed principally at the Allies as a retaliatory measure. This section provides that whenever any country shall prohibit the importation of any articles from the United States the President may forbid the importation from that country of similar articles, or other articles if that country should not export similar articles.

The section was drawn, it was said to-day, to provide a club with which to threaten the Allied "ban on luxuries." This ban would prohibit or cut down by two-thirds the importation of "luxuries" in order to keep as much money at home as possible.

The retaliatory section reads: "That whenever any country, dependency or colony shall prohibit the importation of any article, the product of the soil or industry of the United States and not injurious to health or morals, the President, within his discretion, shall have power to prohibit, during the period such prohibition is in force, the importation into the United States of similar articles or, in case the United States does not import similar articles from that country, then other articles, the products of such country, dependency or colony."

LOSES WATERWINGS; DIES

Boy Taken from Newark Canal by
Policeman Too Late.

Daniel C. Carrigan's water wings got away from his yesterday when the boy was learning to swim in the Morris Canal at Plane Street, Newark. Joseph McLaughlin, fourteen years old, of 115 Walnut Street, heard his cries and jumped in. Although two years older than Daniel, he was much lighter and was having hard work supporting him when there was a clatter of hoofs and Mounted Patrolman Fearey appeared.

Fearey plunged in and managed to get both boys to shore. McLaughlin was revived, but Carrigan did not respond to the pump. His home was at 35 Nicholson Street.

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